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ACTIONS TAKEN TO ADDRESS HOMELESS NEEDS

- * Please also refer to the Homeless Needs Table in the Appendix Section.
- 1. Identify actions taken to address needs of homeless persons.

The City of St. Louis Department of Human Services (Homeless Services Division) identified the following action items in the 2010 Annual Action Plan:

- Develop Transitional Housing on Non-Disabled Individuals
- Develop Homeless Prevention Resources for Individuals and Families
- Develop Rapid Re-Housing Resources for Individuals and Families
- Develop Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Persons
- Develop Permanent Supportive Housing for Families
- Develop Safe Havens
- Collaborate with other Jurisdictions in the Region Working Toward Ending Long-Term Homelessness for Individuals and Families

As a result, the Homeless Services Division has taken the following actions to address the needs of homeless person.

Develop Transitional Housing for Non-Disabled Individuals:

The Homeless Services Division submitted a new transitional housing project in its 2010 Continuum of Care (CoC) application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Salvation Army was chosen as the project sponsor and has proposed 24 units of housing focusing on military veterans. Some of the apartments, however, will house non-veterans.

Develop Homeless Prevention Resources for Individuals and Families:

The Homeless Services Division and its partnering agencies have made tremendous strides in preventing homelessness for individuals and families residing in the City of St. Louis. The City of St. Louis received \$8.4 of funding via the 2009 ARRA Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). The HPRP has been a catalyst for change in addressing homelessness prevention. With funds from the HPRP, the Homeless Services Division has collaborated with several agencies in an effort to develop strategic and long range plans. The Homeless Services Division has established four prevention hubs within the St. Louis Public School system. The four hubs offer an array of cultural and educational opportunities for

individual and families. It is the intent of the City's HPRP program to cross-refer parents and students.

Residents seeking financial assistance are required to participate in a workshop. The workshop include information and assistance related to legal rights/responsibilities, available mainstream benefits, employment training and financial stability. The workshop provides information to reduce recidivism and to increase long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Develop Rapid Re-Housing Resources for Individuals and Families:

The Homeless Services Division and its partnering agencies have also made tremendous strides in rapidly re-housing homeless individuals and families residing in the City of St. Louis. With the funds from the ARRA's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP), the Homeless Services Division has greatly increased the number of individuals and families rapidly re-housed.

At the end of 2011, 900 persons received rapid re-housing services as a result of HPRP funds. Services included rental assistance, financial counseling, legal assistance, utility assistance, security deposits, case management and credit repair. The City of St. Louis has set a goal of rapidly re-housing 1,000 residents (350 households) by June 2012. As a result of the HPRP, unduplicated requests for emergency shelter at the centralized housing hotline have remained relatively stabled despite the economic crisis: There were 3,121 requests in 2008, 2,944 in 2009, 2,995 in 2010 and 2,984 in 2011.

Develop Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Persons:

Permanent Supportive Housing for chronically homeless persons continues to be a priority for the City of St. Louis as outlined in the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. The City is on pace to meet its goal of establishing 500 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons. The City will continue to develop additional resources and units. Currently, 214 have been established, and an additional 55 are being developed by the end of 2012. In addition, the Homeless Services Division submitted a new permanent supportive housing project in its 2011 Continuum of Care (CoC) application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Salvation Army was chosen as the project sponsor and has proposed 24 units of permanent supportive housing focusing on military veterans. Some of the apartments, however, will house non-veterans.

Develop Permanent Supportive Housing for Families:

Although Permanent Supportive Housing for Families is a priority of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, the City did not make this a top priority for 2011.

Develop Safe Havens:

The City received funding for its third Safe Haven. Catholic Family Services was selected as the project sponsor. This program will provide an additional 27 units of permanent

supportive housing. The second Safe Haven will be operated by Peter and Paul Community Services. The project has experienced delays due to environmental issues. The Homeless Services Division will continue to work with the Peter and Paul Community Services and other Federal and City agencies to resolve the issues.

Collaborate with other Jurisdictions in the Region Working Toward Ending Long-Term Homelessness for Individuals and Families:

In an effort to end chronic homelessness in the City of St. Louis, the City must take the lead role for developing a regional approach to homeless issues. The lack of resources and services in surrounding counties continues to hamper the efforts within the City. In addition, the City's Department of Human Services (DHS) is working to engage the County's Department of Human Services in developing strategies to reduce barriers for homeless and at-risk individuals and families.

ACTIONS TAKEN TO HELP HOMELESS TRANSITION TO PERMANENT HOUSING

2. Identify actions to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

The goals listed below outline the City's actions in helping homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The goals are highlighted in the joint City and County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

Goals	Timeline	Status
Seek new resources to implement the 10 Year Plan	Ongoing	Received \$8,860,912 via the 2010 CoC application to HUD and \$9,376,678 via the 2011 CoC application to HUD.
Establish eight Assertive Community Treatment Teams	Two teams annually	There are seven ACT Teams in the City of St. Louis.
Update numbers and characteristics of chronically homeless persons originating in St. Louis City and County	Ongoing	Ongoing

Goals	Timeline	Status
Establish four "Safe Havens" in	Two by March 2006	There are two
St. Louis City	Two by March 2011	established Safe Haven and one additional projects have received funding are expected to open in late 2012.
Develop additional permanent supportive housing opportunities (500) in St. Louis City for chronically homeless persons.	December 2015	There are 224 established permanent supportive housing for homeless persons. An additional 55 units are scheduled to open in 2012. The City of St. Louis sought funding for 24 units in the 2011 CoC application.

NEW FEDERAL RESOURCES OBTAINED FROM HOMELESS SUPERNOFA

3. Identify new Federal resources obtained from Homeless SuperNOFA.

The following programs were funded via the 2010 CoC application. The awards were announced in 2011.

	Benedict Joseph Labre Center			
City of St. Louis	Transitional Housing Program	SHP	TH	\$298,832
	Community Alternatives Housing for			
City of St. Louis	Future Families	SHP	PH	\$211,333
	Covenant House Transitional Housing			
City of St. Louis	Program	SHP	TH	\$261,450
City of St. Louis	DD Resources Great Horizons	SHP	PH	\$179,467
City of St. Louis	DD Resources Horizon Club House	SHP	SH	\$198,278
City of St. Louis	Doorways Delmar	SHP	PH	\$101,991
City of St. Louis	Doorways Jumpstart	SHP	PH	\$241,010
City of St. Louis	Doorways Maryland	SHP	PH	\$752,684
	Employment Connections Project			
City of St. Louis	Homecoming	SHP	PH	\$176,705
City of St. Louis	Humanitri ANCHORSS Program	SHP	TH	\$158,811
	Humanitri Transitional Housing			
City of St. Louis	Mentoring Program	SHP	TH	\$200,586
	Shalom House Transitional Housing			
City of St. Louis	Program	SHP	TH	\$239,053

			Total:	_\$8,384,700
Health	St. Louis City SPC TRA St. Pat's	S+C	TRA	\$363,540
Department of Mental				
Health	St. Louis City SPC TRA QoP (SCL)	S+C	TRA	\$1,423,656
Department of Mental				
Department of Mental Health	St. Louis City SPC SRA (SCS)	S+C	SRA	\$668,700
City of St. Louis	Housing Program	SHP	TH	\$78,465
	YWCA Phyllis Wheatly Transitional			
City of St. Louis	St. Vincent DePaul Project MORE	PH	\$288,582	
City of St. Louis	St. Philippine Home Transitional Housing Program	SHP	TH	\$599,564
City of St. Louis	Housing	SHP	PH	\$870,602
	St. Patrick Center Project Protect			
City of St. Louis	St. Patrick Center Employment Program	SHP	SSO	\$304,722
City of St. Louis	Program	SHP	TH	\$766,669
	St. Louis Transitional Hope House			

TH = Transitional Housing
SHP = Supportive Housing Program

PH = Permanent Supportive Housing

SSO = Supportive Services Only program

S+C = Shelter Plus Care TRA = Tenant Based program

SRA = Supportive Housing Program
SRA = Sponsor Based Program

The following programs were funded via the 2011 CoC application.

	Benedict Joseph Labre Center			
City of St. Louis	Transitional Housing Program	SHP	TH	\$298,832
	Catholic Family Services Places for			
City of St. Louis	Fathers	SHP	PH	\$57,790
5	Community Alternatives Housing for			
City of St. Louis	Future Families	SHP	PH	\$211,332
	Covenant House Transitional Housing			
City of St. Louis	Program	SHP	TH	\$261,450
City of St. Louis	DD Resources Great Horizons	SHP	PH	\$179,467
City of St. Louis	DD Resources Horizon Club House	SHP	SH	\$198,278
City of St. Louis	Doorways Delmar	SHP	PH	\$101,991
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	Employment Connections Project			
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	Humanitri Transitional Housing			
City of St. Louis	Mentoring Program	SHP	TH	\$200,586
	Shalom House Transitional Housing			
City of St. Louis	Program	SHP	TH	\$239,053
	St. Louis Transitional Hope House			
City of St. Louis	Program	SHP	TH	\$766,669
City of St. Louis	St. Patrick Center Employment Program	SHP	SSO	\$304,722
	St. Patrick Center Project Protect			
City of St. Louis	Housing	SHP	PH	\$435,301

City of St. Louis	St. Patrick Center Rosati House	SHP	PH	\$528,764
	St. Philippine Home Transitional			
City of St. Louis	Housing Program	SHP	TH	\$599,564
City of St. Louis	St. Vincent DePaul Project MORE	SHP	PH	\$288,582
	YWCA Phyllis Wheatly Transitional			
City of St. Louis	Housing Program	SHP	TH	\$78,465
Department of Mental				
Health	St. Louis City SPC SRA (SCS)	S+C	SRA	\$688,548
Department of Mental				
Health	St. Louis City SPC TRA QoP (SCL)	S+C	TRA	\$1,465,992
Department of Mental				
Health	St. Louis City SPC TRA St. Pat's (SCY)	S+C	TRA	\$374,316
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Health	St. Louis City SPC Places at Page	S+C	SRA	Approval
			Total:	\$8,608,912

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SPECIFIC HOMELESS PREVENTION ELEMENTS

1. Identify actions taken to prevent homelessness.

With the funds from the 2009 ARRA Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), the Homeless Services Division has dramatically increased the number of individuals and families assisted with homeless prevention in the City of St. Louis. The City of St. Louis received \$8.4 of funding via the (HPRP).

The HPRP has been a catalyst for change in addressing homelessness prevention. With funds from the HPRP, the Homeless Services Division has collaborated with several agencies in an effort to develop strategic and long range plans. The Homeless Services Division has established four prevention hubs within the St. Louis Public School system. The four hubs offer an array of cultural and educational opportunities for individual and families. It is the intent of the City's HPRP program to cross-refer parents and students. The funds will expire July 2012. Currently the City has two prevention hubs.

Residents seeking financial assistance are required to participate in a workshop. The workshop include information and assistance related to legal rights/responsibilities, available mainstream benefits, employment training and financial stability. The workshop provides information to reduce recidivism and to increase long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Types of Services:

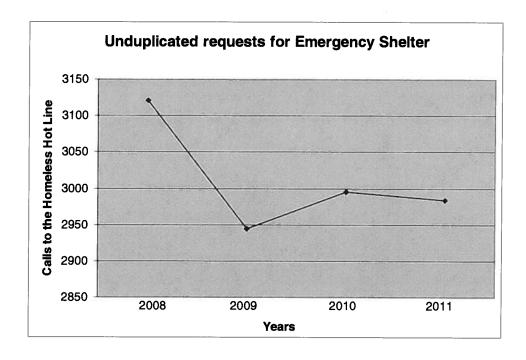
HPRP assistance is not intended to provide long-term support for participants, nor will it be able to address all of the financial and supportive services needs of households. Rather, assistance is focused on housing stabilization, linking program participants to community resources and mainstream benefits and helping participants develop a plan for preventing future housing instability. Participants are eligible for financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization assistance.

- 1. Financial Assistance. Payments must not be made directly to participants, but only to third parties, such as landlords or utility companies. An assisted property may not be owned by the grantee, or the parent, subsidiary or affiliated organization of the grantee.
 - ➤ Rental Assistance: Tenant-based rental assistance that can be used to allow individuals and families to remain in their existing rental units or to help them obtain and remain in rental units they select.
 - > Utility deposits: Payment for utility deposits, if the participant is required to obtain a new rental unit.
 - ➤ Utility payments: Payment for gas, electric, and water including utility payments in arrears, provided that the program participant or a member of his/her household has an account in his/her name with a utility company.
 - Moving cost assistance: Funds may be used for reasonable moving costs, such as truck rental, hiring a moving company, or short-term storage fees for a maximum of two months.

- 2. Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. HPRP funds may be used for services that assist program participants with housing stability and placement. These services are limited to the following eligible activities:
 - Case management: Services and activities may include: counseling; developing, securing, and coordinating services; monitoring and evaluating program participant progress; assuring that program participants' rights are protected; and developing an individualized housing and service plan, including a path to permanent housing stability.
 - Housing search and placement: Services or activities designed to assist individuals or families in locating, obtaining, and retaining suitable housing. Component services or activities may include: tenant counseling; assisting individuals and families to understand leases; securing utilities; making moving arrangements; representative payee services concerning rent and utilities; and mediation and outreach to property owners related to locating or retaining housing.
 - Legal services. Services to help people stay in their homes, such as services or activities provided by a lawyer or other person(s) under the supervision of a lawyer to assist program participants with legal advice and representation in administrative or court proceedings related to tenant/landlord matters or housing issues. Legal services related to mortgages are not eligible.
 - ➤ Credit repair. Services that are targeted to assist program participants with critical skills related to household budgeting, money management, accessing a free personal credit report, and resolving personal credit issues.

HPRP provides temporary services to households who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance. Resources are targeted and prioritized to households that are most in need of temporary assistance and are most likely to achieve stable housing after the program concludes. There are many people who are housed and have additional needs, but would not become homeless if they did not receive HPRP assistance. In some cases, the household may need more intensive supportive services or long-term assistance. If the household is not at risk of homelessness, providers will work to link them to other appropriate available resources and assistance. Assistance may be terminated if a participant violates program requirements. In terminating assistance to a participant, the agency must provide a formal process that recognizes the rights of individuals. This process, at a minimum, must consist of: (1) written notice to the participant containing a clear statement of the reasons for termination; (2) a review of the decision, in which the participant is given the opportunity to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the termination decision; and (3) prompt written notice of the final decision to the participant.

At the end of 2011, 7,462 persons received prevention services as a result of HPRP funds. Services include rental assistance, financial counseling, legal assistance, utility assistance, security deposit, case management and credit repair. The City has a goal of preventing homelessness for 10,000 residents (3,000 households). Services began in October 2009 and will conclude in July 2012. As a result of the HPRP, unduplicated requests for emergency shelter at the centralized housing hotline have remained relatively stabled despite the economic crisis: There were 3,121 requests in 2008, 2,944 in 2009, 2,995 in 2010, and 2,984 in 2011.



EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS (ESG)

ADDRESSING EMERGENCY SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING NEEDS

1. Identify actions to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families (including significant subpopulations such as those living on the streets).

Homelessness in the City of St. Louis continues to be the result of a multiplicity of problems. Low earning power for families and individuals, poverty, lack of affordable housing, mental illnesses, and substance abuse are at the core of the crisis of homelessness in St. Louis. Long-term solutions to homelessness include permanent housing with supportive services focusing on treatment alternatives, mental health counseling, increased employment opportunities and higher education attainment.

The City of St. Louis has taken the following actions to address emergency shelter and transitional housing need of homeless individuals and families, including those living on the streets:

- The City of St. Louis partnered with several non-profit and volunteer organizations to ensure over 100 additional beds were available during the winter months. These additional beds were funded by the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program.
- ➤ The City of St. Louis secured funding via the 2009 CoC application process for additional transitional housing for large families. Gateway 180 is the project sponsor; operation opened in November 2011.
- ➤ The City of St. Louis applied for 24 units of transitional housing via the 2011 CoC application process. Salvation Army was selected as the project sponsor. The City is awaiting notification of the award.
- > The City of St. Louis and its partnering agencies have increased their efforts towards providing outreach to persons living in encampments along the riverfront area.
- ➤ The City of St. Louis implemented mandatory workshops for recipients of the HPRP initiative. The workshops include legal assistance, financial counseling, employment assistance and mainstream benefits assistance. ESG funds were used to provide services that were not eligible under HPRP.

ASSESSESSMENT OF ESG GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- 2. Assessment of Relationship of ESG Funds to Goals and Objectives
 - a. Evaluate progress made in using ESG funds to address homeless and homeless prevention needs, goals, and specific objectives established in the Consolidated Plan.
 - b. Detail how ESG projects are related to implementation of comprehensive homeless planning strategy, including the number and types of individuals and persons in households served with ESG funds.

The vision of the St. Louis City Continuum of Care (CoC) is to develop a system whereby residents of the City would live as independently as possible in the safe, decent and

affordable housing of their choice. To accomplish this, non-profit agencies, governmental offices and businesses work together, as a community, to increase the availability of services, eliminate barriers, strengthen the CoC and effectively advocate for the system changes and resources that will positively impact people's lives.

In 2011 the use of ESG funds has allowed the CoC to maintain existing homeless services program. The availability of these funds ensured that everyone seeking emergency shelter during the winter months could be accommodated. Over 100 beds were added and transportation to the location was provided.

In the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the following objectives were outlined:

- Develop Transitional Housing for Non-Disabled Individuals
- Develop Homeless Prevention Resources for Individuals and Families
- Develop Rapid Re-Housing Resources for Individuals and Families
- Develop Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Persons
- Develop Permanent Supportive Housing for Families
- > Develop Safe Havens
- Collaborate with other Jurisdictions in the Region Working Toward Ending Long-Term Homelessness for Individuals and Families

Develop Transitional Housing for Non-Disabled Individuals:

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program funds were used to assist transitional housing programs.

Develop Homeless Prevention Resources for Individuals and Families and Develop Rapid Re-Housing Resources for Individuals and Families:

ESG program funds were used to support the HPRP program by providing funding for cost that are not eligible under HPRP.

Develop Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Persons:

Funds from ESG were used to conduct more outreach and provide more services to chronically homeless individuals residing on the riverfront and in abandoned buildings in an effort to move them into permanent supportive housing. ESG funds were not used to develop permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons.

Develop Permanent Supportive Housing for Families:

Although Permanent Supportive Housing for Families is a priority of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, the City did not make this a top priority for 2011. ESG funds were not used to develop permanent supportive housing for families. However, ESG funds were provided to emergency shelter and transitional housing agencies that assist families with securing permanent supportive housing.

Developing Safe Havens:

The City received funding for its third Safe Haven. Catholic Family Services was selected as the project sponsor. This program will provide an additional 27 units of permanent supportive housing. The second Safe Haven will be operated by Peter and Paul Community Services. The project has experienced delays due to environmental issues. The Homeless Services Division will continue to work with the Peter and Paul Community Services and other Federal and City agencies to resolve the issues.

Collaborate with other Jurisdictions in the Region Working Toward Ending Long-Term Homelessness for Individuals and Families:

ESG was not used for collaboration efforts. However, the City has taken a key role in developing a regional approach to homeless issues. The lack of resources and services in surrounding counties continues to hamper the efforts within the City. The Homeless Services Division will to work to develop a comprehensive policy for the region.

The Homeless Services Division continues to work directly and in collaboration with members of the St. Louis CoC and the entire community to address the following items that were identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan as challenges.

Detail how ESG projects are related to implementation of comprehensive homeless planning strategy, including the number and types of individuals and persons in households served with ESG funds.

A variety of projects receive ESG funds to ensure the implementation of a comprehensive homeless planning strategy. The City funded 18 ESG projects in 2011.

Agencies	Services	Persons Served	Amount Awarded
Arch Defenders	Legal assistance		\$4.950
Bridgeway Counseling Services	Short-term residential substance abuse detoxification treatment services to homeless women who have a co-occurring disorders.	44	\$19,332
Community Alternatives	Assertive community outreach program for homeless men and women with mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders	207	\$30,960
Emmanuel Outreach Ministry	Winter overflow emergency shelter	180	\$27,000
Gateway Homeless Services	Emergency shelter and case management for housing placement for homeless women and families.	1,405	\$63,300
Haven of Grace	Transitional housing and supportive services for pregnant, homeless women and their children.	86	\$19,300

Agencies	Services	Persons Served	Amount Awarded
Humanitri	Transitional housing and case management for homeless families. Case management services include life and job skills, financial literacy, job search assistance,	124	\$27,792
Lydia's House	Transitional housing and supportive services for women affected by domestic violence and their children.	82	\$27,320
Municipal Information Systems, Inc.	HMIS	N/A	\$71,000
Our Lady's Inn	Emergency shelter, supportive services, and after- care for pregnant, homeless women and their children.	106	\$32,393
Redevelopment Opportunity for Women	ROW's Economic Action Program (REAP) and Individual Development Account program, Family Strength and Family Literacy Program, and Early Childhood Activity program for homeless families.	352	\$51,300
Shalom House	Transitional housing and supportive services for homeless women with mental illness and/or chemical dependencies.	24	\$35,400
St. Martha's Hall	Safe confidential shelter, including meals and supportive services, to battered women and their children. Supportive services will include 24 hours crisis intervention, individual and group support sessions, legal advocacy, information and referrals, children's therapy program, and one year follow up.	123	\$35,800
St. Patrick's Center	Emergency shelter, case management, and treatment programming for homeless women with mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders.	143	\$69,960
Catholic Charities Housing Resource Center	Housing Crisis Hotline providing centralized intake and referral system for emergency shelters.	10,684	\$108,493
St. Louis Transitional Hope House	Transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families.	308	\$39,000
Covenant House of Missouri	An emergency shelter for homeless youth, ages 16-21, where youth can escape the dangers of the street and receive intensive support services for up to 45 days.	140	\$17,840
The Women's Safe House	Emergency shelter, supportive services, and after- care case management for women and children who are homeless as a result of domestic violence	390	\$32,160

MATCHING RESOURCES

3. Matching Resources

a. Provide specific sources and amounts of new funding used to meet match as required by 42 USC 11375(a)(1), including cash resources, grants, and staff salaries, as well as in-kind contributions such as the value of a building or lease, donated materials, or volunteer time.

ESG Sources:

Every agency receiving ESG funds is required to match the funds 100% with cash or inkind resources. The agencies are required to document the funds on monthly reports. The matches are verified during the agencies annual fiscal monitoring.

2011 ESG CATEGORIES	ESG FUNDS
Shelter	\$716,622
Street Outreach	\$12,950
Data Collection	\$70,000
Administration	\$64,911
TOTAL	\$865,483

Resources used to fill gaps in the local Continuum of Care represent a diverse stream of funding and resources. Leveraging includes funding from sources such as the City of St. Louis Domestic Violence Fund, the State of Missouri's Homeless Challenge Program, HUD's Supportive Housing Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program. Local funding is also provided through private donations, foundations, volunteer hours, materials, furnishings charitable trusts and fund-raising activities.

Match Funding Sources	From	Amount	
Domestic Violence Funds	City	\$100,000	
Homeless Challenge Program	State	\$147,000	
Supportive Housing Program (2009)	Federal	\$9,883,546	
Supportive Housing Program (2010)	Federal	\$8,608,912	
Supportive Housing Program (2011)	Federal	\$9,376,678	

Activity and Beneficiary Data - Completion of attached Emergency Shelter Grant Program Performance Chart or other reports showing ESGP expenditures by type of activity. Also describe any problems in collecting, reporting, and evaluating the reliability of this information.

Please see page 71.

Homeless Discharge Coordination: As part of the government developing and implementing a homeless discharge coordination policy, ESG homeless prevention funds may be used to assist very-low income individuals and families at risk of

becoming homeless after being released from publicly funded institutions such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or corrections institutions or programs. Explain how your government is instituting a homeless discharge coordination policy, and how ESG homeless prevention funds are being used in this effort.

The Homeless Services Division will take a broader approach toward ending homelessness. The plan not only includes reaching across jurisdictional boundaries, but also across agencies.

The Homeless Services Division is collaborating with the Social Security Administration (SSA) and other City departments to ensure that incarcerated residents are not overpaid benefits. If a resident is overpaid benefits, the SSA will recapture the overpaid funds which may result in months of lost income and eventually homelessness.

The Homeless Services Division is bridging a gap in services between the SSA and the Veterans Administration (VA). The program will provide an interactive web link to the SSA for veterans receiving services at a VA location. This will expedite the receipt of benefits for homeless veterans.

Over the next year, the Homeless Services Division will collaborate and develop specific plans and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local, state and federal agencies focused on a Discharge Coordination Policy. The collaborating agencies are as follows:

- > the local office of the U.S. Social Security Administration
- > the Missouri Department of Mental Health,
- > the Missouri Department of Corrections,
- > the Missouri Department of Social Services and
- > the City of St. Louis Division of Corrections
- > the St. Louis Mental Health Board

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